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USSR-SATELLITE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

MONGOLIAN REPUBLIC ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS -- Sovetskaya Latvya, No 44, 23 Feb 49

The session of the Little Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic, elected by the Ninth Great Khural, continued in Ulan-Bator on 21 February 1949. The session discussed the question of forming a new government of the Mongolian People's Republic and confirmed the new staff. Marshal Choybalsan was confirmed as Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Minister of Armed Forces. The session also confirmed the members of the State Budget Commission. Malomzhants, Minister of Finance, then gave a report on fulfillment of the 1948 State budget of the Mongolian People's Republic and on the 1949 plan for the State budget.

The session confirmed the State budget of the Mongolian People's Republic for 1949, as follows: income -- 346 million tugriks, that is, almost 1 million tugriks more than in 1948; expenses -- 340 million tugriks, or 23 million more than last year. It was noted that the budget of the Republic fully conformed to the Five-Year Plan.

After a short concluding speech by Bumsatsende, chairman of the presidium of the Little Khural, the session came to a close.

ALBANIA JOINS COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC MUTUAL ASSISTANCE -- Pravda Ukrainy,
No 45, 24 Feb 49

The Albanian Government recently petitioned for the admission of Albania to the Council of Economic Mutual Assistance, expressing their concurrence with the principles underlying this Council.

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The petition of the Albanian Government was considered by the founders of the Council, that is, the Governments of USSR, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Czechoslovakia, who approved the admission of Albania as a member of the Council of Economic Mutual Assistance.

FINNISH ENVOY VISITS SHVERNIK -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 83, 9 Apr 49

K. Sundstrom, Minister Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Finland, visited N. M. Shvernik, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR, on 8 April and conveyed congratulations, in the name of the Finnish President, on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Soviet-Finnish Treaty on Friendship, Collaboration, and Mutual Aid.

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